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## Meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs.

To the Republicans of West Virginia.

The time has come for aggressive action on the part of all adherents of our great party, which is now, as ever, the party of vital and positive principles. This year, as heretofore, Republicanism means patriotism. It therefore behooves the friends of good government everywhere to use all honorable means to perpetuate Republican principles by bringing about the election by overwhelming majorities of the Republican national and local nominees in the pending campaign. Such effort should not cease until victory is won.

In view of the great influence for good wielded by club organizations in distributing political literature and arousing enthusiasm upon the live questions of the day, a meeting of the West Virginia State League of Republican Clubs is hereby called for

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1900.

to be held in the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the purpose of reorganization, consideration of plans of work for this year's campaign, election of delegates to the National League meeting, and for such other business as may properly come before it. Each club is entitled to five delegates, and it should also elect five alternates. Republicans in every county are urged to organize clubs at once, and send the name of each club, with list of officers and delegates, without delay, to the secretary at Charleston.

Speakers of national reputation will be present to address the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee.

W. M. BURDETTE, MATHEWS.

First Vice President.

D. E. HUGHES, Secretary.

## More False Statements.

There were two bold and vicious misstatements in the Market street organ yesterday, which show what desperate straits it has fallen into in its perverse opposition to the refunding ordinance. It maintains without the suspicion of a blush that the advocates of the ordinance "are fully organized and are spending money lavishly to pull it through." When the Register made this statement it knew it to be as false as the Chicago platform, but it is the policy of that paper, as its whole history will show, to start a lie, knowing full well the rapidity with which a falsehood travels and the time that must elapse before truth overtakes it.

Again, while with insinuating hypocrisy it impresses upon its readers that there is no politics in the matter, it stultifies and discredits its professions by falsely stating that "heelers in every ward in the city are industriously deceiving the uninformed as to its provisions"—meaning the refunding ordinance. If any "heelers" are out there are from the Register office, working against the ordinance and from motives well-known to the public at large.

Readers of the Register may swallow insults to their intelligence; other people, and they are in the majority, are not so gullible.

## A Good Omen.

The outpouring of the Republicans at the meeting of the Ohio County Republican Club, which elected delegates to the state convention of the League of Clubs, which meets at Parkersburg, March 8, shows that the rank and file of the party are thoroughly aroused for the task set before them this fall. The large attendance at the meeting was not the only good feature, but the lively interest the individual members of the club manifested in the proceedings and the spirit of harmony that prevailed were the best indications that the party will maintain a solid front against the enemy, and that there will be no lack of enthusiasm in the coming campaign.

While all the surface indications augur well for the success of the party, it is well to heed the remarks of Senator Scott, imparted to the Washington correspondent of the Intelligencer, in which he counseled the utmost vigilance and activity. He emphasizes a very important fact, that we must not be lulled to a feeling of security by past successes, but should organize and organize early and efficiently to fight a foe who will make the most desperate efforts to regain control of the state.

The convention at Parkersburg promises to be the largest in the history of the league, and with Senator John M. Thurston to furnish the enthusiasm and impart vim to the occasion it will be successful in more ways than one.

## Macrum's "Explanation."

Ex-Consul Macrum would better have kept silent if he has nothing more to say in his defense than what was published over his signature, and which he called his explanation and "defense." It is nothing more than a whining complaint. From an unimportant station when Mr. Macrum was appointed Pretoria rose to great dignity as a consul last year through the breaking out of hostilities between Great Britain and the Transvaal republic. Large interests were at stake, and as the British government had kindly safeguarded the interests of Americans in Spanish possessions during our war with Spain it was the least thing this government could do for the British in the present extremity. Mr. Macrum's excuses for leaving Pretoria will not hold for a moment. While occupying the position he held in Pretoria it was his business to submit to the instructions of the government, but instead we find him instructing the government. His simple duty was to remain, but he chose another course, for which he must suffer. His attack on the state department, and Secretary Hay in particular, shows the puerile weakness of his case, and at once emphasizes his eminent unfitness for the responsibilities of the post which he deserted. It also confirms the judgment of the state department in dispensing with his services. Mr. Macrum should now retire into that obscurity from which he never should have sprung.

## Redemption of Pacific Coast.

The election of Thomas Bard, a Republican, by the legislature of California, to succeed Senator White, Democrat, is important, not only because it ended a protracted dead-lock, but for the reason that it signals the complete transformation of the political conditions on the Pacific coast, which were rather wayward in 1896. In that year Bryanism was rampant in the Pacific coast states, and for a time it looked rather equally for Republicanism in that section. The Republicans had a great deal to contend with in the fusion of Populists and silver Republicans with the Democrats, but a hard fight on the line of imperishable principles won the day, and the coast at last stands redeemed from Bryanism. Speaking of this revolution in politics the New York Sun says: "Of the two senators from California at that time, one was a 'Silver' Republican; both of the Nevada senators were Silverites; California had a Democratic governor, James H. Budd. Nevada had a Silver governor. In the previous state election the Republicans of Oregon had been the minority party in the vote for congressman. The case was the same in Washington. In no one of the four Pacific states, California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington, were the Republicans in a majority. The prospect of an alliance between the Democrats and the Populists and the Silver Republicans seemed to render almost certain the control of the twenty electoral votes of these four states."

Whatever may be the case elsewhere, the popularity of 16 to 1 on the Pacific is now no more than a reminiscence. It has been entirely overshadowed by the consideration of another interest in which Pacific coast voters are much more directly concerned, namely, the expansion of American commerce and the maintenance of American sovereignty in the Orient, a policy to which the Republican party is unconditionally committed, and the acceptance of which on the Pacific is not limited to party lines. At the last general election, the Republicans carried Oregon by 10,000 majority, the silver majority in Nevada had shrunk from 6,000 to 22 votes, California elected a Republican governor by 20,000 majority, and the delegation to the house was Republican with one exception, while the state of Washington gave a Republican plurality of 3,000. By the election of Mr. Bard the Republicans of California now have both senators. By the election after a deadlock in Oregon of Joseph Simon, the Republicans have two senators from there. The two Nevada Silverites, Jones and Stewart, are again in the fellowship of the Republican party and participate in its caucus management.

Thus in no section of the country have the political changes within four years been more strikingly marked than in the states of the Pacific.

## Our Lake Commerce.

While we are "pointing with pride" to our great foreign trade, and its wonderful increase, it would be well to consider the magnificent proportions which our internal commerce has attained. As a factor in that problem nothing shows the growth of the country so well as the extent of the commerce of the great inland sea stretching from Buffalo to Chicago and Duluth, known as the "great lakes." The character of this trade is shown by the figures of the bureau of statistics of the treasury department, which are just at hand, giving the details of the commerce passing through the Sault Ste. Marie canal. This canal, which connects Lake Superior with Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, necessarily registers only the traffic between the single lake, Superior, with Duluth as its great concentrating and distributing point, and the chain, Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario, with Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo as the great points of concentration and distribution.

The commerce passing through the canal thus registers accurately the movement between the single lake penetrating the wheat and iron producing regions and the chain tributary to the corn, provision, and coal producing, and iron manufacturing regions. It is the gateway through which the wheat, oats, flour, iron ore, copper, and lumber of Montana, the Dakotas, Minnesota, and northern Wisconsin and Michigan move to the consuming and manufacturing sections, while through the same gateway move in the reverse direction the coal, manufactures, and miscellaneous merchandise from Lake Erie and points still farther east.

The rapid growth of the commerce on the lakes is best shown by comparisons. In 1899 the number of vessels passing through the canal was only 9,579, while last year, a stretch of ten years, the number was 20,065. The freight passing through the same channel in 1899 was 25,356,810 tons compared with 7,516,092 tons in 1899, and the value of freight in 1899 was \$281,364,750 as against \$53,723,527 in 1899. That is a record that is eloquent in figures and facts. Since 1897 the increase in the value of freight has been over \$60,000,000.

The decision of Judge Taft, that the United States circuit court had no jurisdiction in the matter of the minor Republican officers-elect of Kentucky, who applied for a restraining order, forbidding the Democratic contestants from interfering with them in the discharge of their duties, does not apply to Governor Taylor. At the same time that does not help Governor Taylor, for

under the infamous Goebel law the courts of Kentucky will only do that which they cannot help—oust Taylor. The Republican governor's final remedy then lies with the supreme court of the United States.

When people are so keen to see prospective plunder and iniquity in a plain business proposition as the Register claims to see in the refunding ordinance, it is simply a case of judging other people by their own standards.

The specious arguments of some people against the refunding ordinance do not come within the pale of common sense. If the city can get a cheaper rate of interest for its loans, why should it not do so?

Carnegie may brush aside the importance of Mr. Frick's suit against him with the frivolous remark "I am playing golf now," but when the courts get hold of him he may wish he was playing golf.

Congressman Dovenor was the "star" performer at a recent social session of the Elks at Washington, D. C. It is needless to state that the captain held up his end with the best of them.

The very plain personal interest the Register is manifesting in its opposition to the refunding ordinance is enough to enable the voter to make up his mind to vote for it.

That the Register opposes a thing is pretty good evidence that it is all right.

Macrum's explanation does not leave his friends a crumb of comfort.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

If a man conceals the truth he lies in ambush.

A dentist may be painstaking, but he gives a lot of pain.

The base ball ground is the base of a small boy's pleasure.

The more delusion some people have the more happiness they enjoy.

When a man knows he is in the right it matters not what others think.

Many a man becomes a pessimist when he begins to harvest his wild oats.

A thumb on the hand is far better than three fingers of whiskey in the stomach.

If a man would live to a ripe old age he should get his name on the pension roll.

Every time a woman deceives a man his vanity gets a shock that puts it to sleep.

A student of human nature who knows his business, never wastes time in society.

Whenever a man is browbeaten it is usually by the gray matter behind some other fellow's brow.

Says an old bachelor: "No one ever heard a married man boasting that he had never made a mistake."

When an optimist strikes a thorny path he finds consolation in the fact that he doesn't have to step on all the thorns.—Chicago News.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

There ought to be a law to make all artists picture Cupid pushing a baby carriage.

All the world may make believe it loves a lover, but the average man in it believes he is a chump.

The woman who puts paint on her face looks about as many men as the one that pads out her hips.

A woman always says a lot more than is necessary beforehand, so if anything happens she can say she said it.

The women have an idea that any man over thirty who isn't married ought to be ashamed to go around that way looking as if he enjoyed it.—New York Press.

## Important Decision.

In the case of Yates vs. the county court of Taylor county, the state supreme court, at its term just closed, unanimously decided that a circuit court cannot allow lawyers fees for defending criminals, and that if allowed by circuit courts, county courts must not pay them, as there is no law to pay them out of the taxation of the people. This has been a question for many years, some courts allowing, and some refusing to allow such fees. It is now finally settled.

## An Even Swap.

Two girls met in a dry goods store yesterday. They had evidently not seen each other for some time, as the trend of their conversation proved.

"What good times we used to have at the lake," said one.

"Yes, I like our own resorts," replied the other, "better than on the coast. Oh, say, where is my old friend, Perry? I think the world of that boy."

"Oh, he's married."

"You don't say! Who to?"

"Me."

"Well, of all things!" replied her friend, flushing.

The conversation drifted, says the Salt Lake Herald, but a short time later reverted to its old channel.

"Say, Hetty," remarked Perry's wife, "did you meet Johnny-out in San Francisco?"

"And then added: 'He told me that summer he was there that he could not live without me.'"

"Yes, I met him in Los Angeles."

"Poor fellow! I feel sorry for him. He is a bachelor yet, I suppose."

"No, he's married."

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## Same Old Valentines.

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## STATE PRESS CLEANINGS.

Concerning Congressman Freer's successor from the Fourth district, there is great speculation as to who will get the nomination. As a dark horse, whose chances are as good if not better than a great many prominently mentioned for the office, is J. W. Parrish, Judge Freer's private secretary.—Ravenwood News.

O. S. McKinney has formally announced himself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from this district. From the tops of our Democratic exchanges, his pathway is not likely to be strewn with roses.—Manning Advocate.

Marbles is the engrossing thing with the small boys now, says the Morgantown New Dominion. They congregate on every good place by the dozen deep in the mysteries of the sport, which is all Greek to the older boys, who played it another way. The vocabulary has changed, and nothing can be told of the progress of the game, except when one urchin swipes the pile.

It is to be taken for granted that after next fall, Mr. Bryan will really be out of employment. The county has enjoyed the novel spectacle of one four years' period of personal canvass and lecture fee gathering, but a second term of this sort of "office" would probably prove wearisome.—Charleston Mail-Tribune.

## The Benwood Mayoralty.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.  
SIR:—Kindly allow a Republican who desires party success at the coming city election space in your valuable paper to suggest the name of a man for the head of the ticket who is in every way competent to fulfill the duties pertaining to the office of mayor of our city. He is one who has ever been on the alert to work for the city's improvements, and one who, while a straight Republican, can rise above party lines and self in the administration of justice. In Mr. William Hall, Mr. Editor, we find a man with the above qualifications. In addition to the above, he is an old resident of our city and a large taxpayer. Give us Hall and harmony, and the rest of the ticket will be pulled through.

HARMONY.

Benwood, Feb. 15, 1900.

## PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what's the meaning of ostentation? Pa—It's a way the neighbors have of showing off.

—Chicago News.

His Platform—"Why is it you never mention your ancestors?" "Because I believe in letting bygones be bygones."

—Chicago Times-Herald.

Mr. Tenderfoot—This bear meat seems very highly spiced. Cactus Charley—It ought to be, pardner. That's a cinnamon bear steak.—Baltimore American.

The Modern Version.—Liveried Menial—Me lud, the carriage waits without. Lord Fitz Josher—Without what? "Without horses, me lud; 'tis an automobile."—Chicago Record.

Journalism in Manila—"Owing to pressure in getting out the Christmas number, the Manila Freedom has decided to rest for the coming three days."—Manila Freedom, December 31.

Feminine Superiority—"Leonidas," said Mrs. Meekton, sharply, "whom do you regard as the greatest general in history?" But he was not to be caught napping. Without a moment's hesitation he answered: "Joan of Arc."—Washington Star.

No Cause to Worry—"I suppose," he said as they undulated around the hall, "that my mother would be awfully worried if she knew I was here. She thinks it is a terrible sin to dance."

"Oh, never mind," the girl said. "She wouldn't know you were dancing, even if she saw you."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Disqualified for Age.—A well-known horseman was engaged to a young woman who had, deceived him in regard to her age. The engagement was broken off, and in explaining it to a friend he said, "You know, sir, she was really twenty-seven, and she said she was only twenty-two. That was giving her wrong age, and she might have been disqualified for that, mightn't she?"—Badminton.

No Avenue for Escape.—Murphy—Ye say the rich have it in fer us, no matter how prices may be goin'! I don't know divil a thing about the financial question yit. O'Rourke—Ye don't! It's the aisiest thing in the wur-rid. When the stuff that ye buy gits cheaper it moans depression, panic, and hard times—all in the interest of the Shyllocks. Then, when the stuff ye buy gits dearer, it's the wur-rik of the damned trusts.—Puck.

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